



THIS WAS HIS LIFE . . . A number of Earl W. Eckert's old friends took part in the "This Is Your Life" program held for him by students at Crenshaw School. While Eckert, his mother, and wife (seated on couch) look over the book the students prepared, a number of fellow educators look on. Shown are Bob Rogers and Bob Jenkins, student

emces; Assistant Superintendent Albert Posner; Principal Richard Welte, Carr School; Mrs. Jean Gellerman, teacher; Mrs. Margaret Denmark, curriculum consultant; Vice Principal Albert Noccio, Crenshaw School, and Vice Principal Ed Brown, Fern-Greenwood School. (Herald Photo)

Crenshaw Principal Feted At Mock Television Show

STUDENTS PRESENT PROGRAM

The principal of Crenshaw School, Earl W. Eckert, got the surprise of his life Friday morning.

He was attending what he thought was a routine assembly at the school, put on by Miss Edith Hanson's eighth grade class. The youngsters were doing take-offs on several television shows, when student emcee Bob Rogers stepped to the microphone and announced:

"Some red-headed member of this school is about to be named as the subject of our class presentation of 'This Is Your Life.' Yes, soldier, boxer, student, son of a carpenter, Earl Eckert, this has been your life. Please come forward."

Principal Honored
This, to his complete surprise, he was honored at an assembly attended by his mother, his wife, and a number of local educators with whom he has been associated during his 12 years in the local schools.

Mrs. E. Eckert, his mother, visiting here from Tacoma, Wash., appeared to tell a few tales out of school—how he knocked out his teeth with a baseball, how he once made a mess while trying to bake a cake, and how he used to sing "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?" in pig latin.

Eckert was called upon to sing that song again, and also to play on the tuba a rendition of "Honeycomb."

His wife also appeared to describe how they met while he was in the service in Texas and to tell about his having to borrow money for their honeymoon because his paycheck failed to arrive.

Then, a number of local educators with whom Eckert has worked appeared to tell various experiences. Among these were Assistant Superintendent Albert Posner, Mrs. Margaret Denmark, school curriculum consultant; Mrs. Jean Gellerman, Crenshaw teacher; Richard Welte, Carr School principal; Ed Brown, Fern-Greenwood vice principal; and Albert Noccio, Crenshaw vice principal.

Eckert has been principal of the old Torrance Junior High School, Seaside School, and Crenshaw School, where he has served since 1953.

Then, Myra McCarthy, president of the student council, presented Eckert, with a plaque bearing a council resolution honoring him, and the startled principal offered his thanks.

Co-directors and emcees for the program were Bob Jenkins and Bob Rogers, students in Miss Hanson's class. They also originated the idea. Students interviewed Eckert's wife, mother, and colleagues to get the information for a scrapbook which was presented to him.

There were a few minor crisis during preparations. Once, Eckert unexpectedly walked into a rehearsal, but didn't realize what they were rehearsing. At the last minute, Vice Principal Noccio discovered that Eckert had made an appointment at the time of assembly, so he called, explained the situation, and had the meeting time changed.



HAPPY FAMILY . . . The younger Eckerts recall old times with his mother, Mrs. E. Eckert, Tacoma, Wash., who took part in the "This Is Your Life" program at Crenshaw School. Mother Eckert recalled that her son had lost part of his teeth when hit by a baseball, and told a few other stories about him. Both Mrs. Eckerts were interviewed by the class in preparing the script for the program. (Herald Photo)



TUBA TOOTER . . . In recalling incidents of Principal Eckert's past life, students discovered that he was a tuba player. He was called on during the "This Is Your Life" program to play the tuba, rendering "Honeycomb." He also sang "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf" in pig latin. (Herald Photo)

Delinquency Conference

A drive to eliminate juvenile delinquency by providing young people with wholesome recreation is being held this weekend in Southern California by the Seventh-day Adventist denomination.

Youth leaders from 75 churches met at the Miramonte Hotel in Santa Barbara for a series of training courses Friday. The meetings continue through today.

Delegates at the convention will come from Los Angeles, Ventura, and Santa Barbara Counties. Representing Torrance will be Kenneth Fisk, 5325 Wilma.

The youth leaders will carry out the campaign to fight juvenile delinquency in their communities, with special ac-

Police List Burglary

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